REMARKS

<u>Claims in the Application.</u> Claims 1-22 and 30-34 have been cancelled from this application. Claims 35 and 37 have been amended. Claims 43-45 have been added to this application. Accordingly, Claims 23-29 and 35-45 are active in this application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

<u>Conclusion.</u> The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned should he deem it prudent to expedite the prosecution of this application into a Notice of Allowance.

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